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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: REPRESENTATION FUNDS FY-76

REF: LETTER FROM JOHN M. THOMAS, DTD 8/23/74

FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION REQUESTED IN YOUR LETTER RECEIVED  
SEPTEMBER 9:

1. REVIEW OF FY-74 OUT-OF-POCKET REPRESENTATION COSTS REPORTED BY THIS POST REVEALED THAT OUR FIGURE OF DOLS 719.62 WAS NOT INFLATED AND THAT IL REPRESENTED AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIONAPM EXPENSES FOR WHICH NO FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE.
2. COSTS FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST SUCH AS ENTERTAINMENT OF VISITING AMERICANS OR ESSENTIAL STAFF SOCIAL FUNCTIONS WHICH ARE NOT REIMBURSABLE AMOUNTED TO APPROXIMATELY DOLS 1,250 IN FY-74.
3. RANGOON'S COST OF LIVING HAS RISEN APPROXIMATELY 25 PERCENT ANNUALLY FOR PAST THREE YEARS. ENTERTAINING HAS NEARLY DOUBLED IN THE SAME PERIOD OF TIME. WITH INCREASED U.S. BUSINESS PRESENCE IN BURMA AS THE RESULT OF RECENT OFFSHORE OIL CONTRACTS AND STEPPED-UP ACTIVITY BY THE GUB TO PROCURE FOREIGN GOODS AND SERVICES THROUGH MULTILATERAL FINANCING ORGANIZATIONS, OUR REPRESENTATION FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES IN PARTICULAR AND IN THE CONSULAR AREA TO A LESSER DEGREE WILL INCREASE DURING FY-75 AS WELL AS FY-76. THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD SUPPORT A

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REQUEST FOR MORE REPRESENTATION MONEY AT THIS POST.

4. POST ANTICIPATES AT LEAST ONE NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL  
FUNCTION ENTAILING SPECIAL REPRESENTATION FUNDS OF DOLS 250-300.  
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